IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for managing a state of an external apparatus connected thereto, comprising:

a database ~~storing the state of the external apparatus~~;

a managed object (MO) managing the state of the external apparatus, the MO being provided in said database and realized by an application, the MO having a table storing information on the state of the external apparatus and a stored procedure defining a method related to the table; and

a control interface through which ~~for~~ said MO performs ~~performing~~ outer control of the external apparatus from said database, the interface being provided in said MO.

2. (original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a result notification interface for notifying said database of a result of the outer control performed by said MO with the result being correlated with the control, the result notification interface being provided in said MO.

3. (original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a change notification interface for notifying said MO of a change in the state of the external apparatus, the change notification interface being provided in said MO.

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